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- During the period 3 through 5 December 1948, the Yugoslav National Defense Committee met in Belgrade. This Committee, created in February 1948, is composed of the Minister of War as chairman and the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force as vice-chairmen. Other members of the Committee include military technicians, representatives of the Merchant Marine, Ministers of Finance, Industry, Commerce and Civil Aviation and of both chambers of Parliament.
- The purpose of this meeting was to examine the war potential of Yugoslavia and to formulate a plan to increase the efficiency of the Army, with particular emphasis on logistics. The following proposals were viewed favorably and will be put into effect gradually:
 - the formation of one new army,
 - the reorganization of an increase in potential armed units,
 - the gradual introduction of modern weapons into the Army,
 - an increase in the number of military and civilian planes, the latter to be readily convertible to military use,
 - an increase in the number and modernization of military depots, including cold storage units and underground warehouses,
 - an increase in the number of food processing and canning factories for food destined for the Army,
 - the formation of three new service units: one signal, one engineer-bridging, one railroad operating,
 - an increase in the number of photographic units and the purchase of modern foreign equipment,

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- i) an expansion of the Kragujevac arsenal and construction of a new arsenal in Bosnia,
 - j) Construction of a chemical factory for the exclusive use of national defense,
 - k) The reorganization of and increase in women's army units,
 - l) the purchase abroad of 2800 trucks, 1500 automobiles and 3000 motorcycles for the Army,
 - m) the purchase of 8000 mules and the creation of two new remount stations,
 - n) the modernization of the Army Signal Corps and the creation of seven new teletype lines using Olivetti, Gretener and American equipment. The construction of four new radio networks for the Army, and
 - o) an increase in Army food rations and an improvement in living conditions for non-commissioned officers. The establishment of four new schools for regular non-commissioned officers.
3. The aforementioned proposals will supplement those already undertaken in the Five Year Plan. Proposals regarding the Navy will be discussed at a Committee meeting to be held during February 1949.

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